Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 11:25 AM

To: 'Griselia Digiacomo'
Cc: Frigo, Victoria (COE)

Subject: INQ 13-97

Sure. I am happy to help.

This is not strictly a matter under our Ethics Code but, in my opinion, you do not need to wait for the Town Attorney to review material before you are given access to them. This is particularly true when the material are public records.

Sincerely,

Miriam S. Ramos, £sq.

Deputy General Counsel

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From: Griselia Digiacomo [mailto:qdigiacomo@townofmedley.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 11:18 AM

To: Ramos, Miriam S. (COE) **Subject:** FW: Legal Opinion

Dear Miss. Ramos,

I had just got notification that Miss. Frigo will be out of the office until the 22nd. I'm forwarding the e-mail I had sent to her earlier this morning, seeking a legal opinion. I'll really appreciated if you could help me on this matter. Thank you!

Best Regards,

Griselia Digiacomo, Vice-Mayor



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From: Griselia Digiacomo

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 10:04 AM

To: 'Frigo, Victoria (COE)' **Subject:** Legal Opinion

Good Morning Victoria,

Once again I come to you with a with a legal question. In several occasions I have come to our Town Clerk to ask for copies of Ordinances already adopted by the Council to prepare my self for upcoming Council Meetings. Every time I request something, the Town Clerk tells me she can't give it to me until the Town Attorney reviews all the documents and gives her the ok to make these documents available to me. In our Town of Medley Charter, ARTICLE III, Section 12 states the following:

Sec. 12. - Clerk.

The Town Clerk shall give notice of and attend all Town Council meetings, keep the journal of all the proceedings of the Town Council which shall be of public record, keep the corporate seal of the town and affix same when lawfully directed, administer oaths, have charge of the conduct of municipal elections, authenticate by signature and record in full all ordinances and resolutions as may be adopted by the town, be the official custodian of the records of the town and perform such other duties as shall be required by this charter, by resolution or as directed by the Town Council.

Town of Medley Charter, ARTICLE X, Section 1:

Sec. 1. - Public records.

All records and accounts of the Town of Medley shall be open for personal inspection and examination by any person desiring to do so at reasonable times, under reasonable conditions and under supervision of the Town Clerk.

So, my question remains the same. Do I have to wait until after the Town Attorney reviews the documents requested by me so, the Town Clerk could make such documents available to me? Thank you in advance for your help.

Best Regards,

Griselia Digiacomo, Vice-Mayor



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